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ALLIES SMASH FIRST THREE GERMAN LINES

Thiepvial Alone of Strong Positions On Third Line Retained by Germans—British Press Steadily Forward But Resistance Grows More Stubborn—Serbs Have Bulgars Retreating—Kaiser Wires of Victory Over Russians and Rumanians

By Ed L. Keen,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Sept. 16.—Allied soldiers have swung forward on three great battle fronts in the last twenty-four hours, but have suffered reverses in southeastern Rumania.

The British advanced their center to within less than four miles of Bapaume before slackening their great offensive north of the Somme to permit the moving up of heavy artillery. General Haig announced this afternoon that the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Flers are now firmly in British hands and that 2,800 German captives were taken in yesterday's fighting. The loss of these three villages was officially admitted in Berlin.

In Macedonia, the Bulgarian right wing is now in full retreat toward the Serbo-Greek frontier, according to official dispatches from Salonika today. The Russians and French cooperating with the Serbians are following up Thursday's successes and have already driven the Bulgars back more than twelve miles. An official report said that troops of the three allied nations have recaptured the important Greek town of Florina. The British have resumed the offensive on the left wing, attacking villages held by the Bulgars after crossing the Strama river under fire.

The Italians have resumed their great drive toward Trieste and are reported to have broken through the Austrian line at several places. Ten thousand Austrians have been killed, captured or wounded, said a Rome dispatch today.

The extent of the Teutonic victory over the Russians and Rumanians in southeastern Rumania is in doubt. Sofia dispatches today asserted that the Russo-Rumanians have abandoned the whole district north of Dobrich and are falling back rapidly toward the Danube to escape capture. The kaiser telegraphed the kaiserine from imperial headquarters in the east that Turks, Bulgars and Germans have won a decisive victory over the Russo-Rumanians. Official dispatches from Bucharest admitted a retirement but did not confirm the claim made at Sofia of a general retreat on a seventy mile front.

London, Sept. 16.—The British center has been thrust forward to a point 500 yards north of Fourcaux wood in the battle raging north of the Somme. General Haig reported to the war office today.

The whole of the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Flers are firmly in British hands. Five hundred more prisoners have been captured, making a total of 2,800 Germans officially reported captured in the first 24 hours of the renewed Somme offensive.

Four German field guns were captured south of the Ancre last night and two local counter attacks by the Germans failed. Though the Germans resisted desperately, the Teutonic commanders made no attempt to organize a great counter attack.

The British carried out many successful night raids, entering many enemy trenches at several places.

Fighting desperately to save themselves from retreat on a mile wide front, the Germans have been throwing battalion after battalion into action against the storming British columns north of the Somme in an effort to check General Haig's advance.

The battle begun yesterday morning grew more furious toward night. By the glare of illuminating bombs men fought like demons with bayonets and grenades in the shell torn country between the roads leading down upon Bapaume.

When the last press dispatches were received from British headquarters Haig's men were rolling steadily down the slopes leading to Bapaume, but German resistance was growing more stubborn. The British advanced out of the area wooded by their artillery. At that hour the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Flers were firmly in British hands. British troops had swept through Fourcaux wood and were fighting in the eastern fringes of Bouleux wood and the fall of Bomble appeared imminent. The German losses are said to have been frightful, especially in the Bouleux wood fighting where the German resistance was most desperate. In the first advance into the center of the wood, General Haig's men found heaps of German bodies.

The British gains of yesterday linked up with the great French advance earlier in the week completed the task of smashing completely the entire first three lines of German positions on practically the whole Somme front under attack. Only at Thiepvial where hurriedly constructed German works have delayed the British advance do the Germans still cling to their third line. Thiepvial was outflanked by the British who captured Courcellette yesterday afternoon and its capture in the next advance by the British left wing appears certain.

News of the British successes, coupled with the allies' great gains in the Balkans and the resumption of the Italian drive on Trieste, has aroused the

LELAND G. HENDRICKS DROWNED LAST NIGHT

Went Swimming Yesterday Evening, Clothing Found in Bath House

BODY IS RECOVERED

The body of Leland Hendricks was found this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock just across the river from the bath house on the opposite shore.

Leland G. Hendricks, managing editor of the Salem Statesman, and son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hendricks, disappeared yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock while bathing at the Denison bath house and is believed to have been drowned.

He was last seen by Errol Byrnes and Oscar Gingrich about 5:30 o'clock on the floating platform dressed in his bathing suit. His long absence was noted about 8 o'clock and upon investigation his clothes were found in one of the dressing rooms at the bath house.

It had been Mr. Hendricks' custom for some time to take a swim before beginning his work in the evening and upon leaving the office in the afternoon stated that he was going to take a bath and also had a date to keep.

The latter statement gave the vague hope that he had taken a canoe or launch up down the river, but this hope vanished as the hours wore on and no encouraging word was received.

Although an all night search was made and parties were out dragging the river, his body had not at a late hour this afternoon been found.

The river close to the bath house was searched with grappling hooks and several boats searched up and down the stream in the hope of finding him on one of the islands or opposite shore.

This morning one of the harbor policemen of Portland and a professional grappler arrived with his grappling hooks and began work at once in search of the body. This afternoon the Denison bath house and tank were removed in the hope of finding the body under the floating platform. Divers have also been searching in the vicinity of the boat house, but up to a late hour this afternoon the body had not been recovered.

Leland Hendricks was a bright young newspaper man of much promise, a graduate of the State university and school of journalism, where he was very popular and won many honors from his fellow students. His death has cast a gloom over a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

BLACKENED HULL IS ALL LEFT OF CONGRESS

Will Be Towed to Seattle—Passengers Reached There Today

Marshfield, Ore., Sept. 16.—Captain Cousins and his officers today went aboard the shell of the burned liner Congress. The wreck was sufficiently cool to permit a superficial inspection.

Cousins found nothing left of the luxurious floating hotel but a blackened steel hull, filled with twisted debris. Furnels and masts still stood. The boilers and engines are believed ruined.

It is expected that the harbor tug Oneonta will arrive from Portland during the day to take the Congress in tow for Seattle.

If the sea is calm the trip may be safely made. At present the skeleton of the liner rides high out of water with a sharp list, caused by steel wreckage slipping to one side.

Human Pulmotor Saved Life. Portland, Ore., Sept. 16.—Passengers from the burned liner Congress, traveling to Seattle by special train, are due to arrive there before noon today. The special passed through Portland at 3:40 a. m.

Among those aboard was F. Tyson, of Seattle, an assistant steward, who was saved from death by J. E. Johnson, chief steward of the dredge Michie. Tyson was carried aboard the Michie unconscious.

"He cannot be saved unless we have a pulmotor," said a surgeon. "His lungs are choked with poisonous fumes."

"Let me try," said Johnson. He then bent over Tyson, placed his mouth over that of the senseless man and drew the poison into his own lungs. Johnson kept at this until he staggered to his feet dizzy and sick, reeling back into the arms of watchers. Doctors said he saved Tyson's life. The latter regained consciousness several hours later.

The trouble with being an easy-going, good-natured cuss is that people get the idea that they can use you for a door mat.

IS CARRANZA ABLE TO GUARD BORDER MAIN QUESTION

Commissioners Reach Vital Point In Their Joint Negotiations

MEXICO MUST DO WORK NOW DONE BY PERSHING

Mexicans Turn to Small Bankers For Loan—Celebrating the Day

By Carl D. Grant,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New London, Conn., Sept. 16.—American-Mexican negotiations reached a delicate point today. Whether Carranza is willing, and more importantly, able to patrol the border is a vital question upon negotiations are now turning.

As far as surface indications go, the first chief probably will take over the duties which have devolved upon General Pershing's column. But the fact that his representatives have not committed themselves to such a scheme make negotiations at this stage extremely important and delicate.

As matters now stand the American commissioners want Carranza to do most of the patrolling through a sort of Mexican police.

This varies from the original proposition in that what the Mexicans then proposed, called for a joint international police. Now, the American want Carranza to establish a strong force. Today in the absence of the Mexican commissioners the American conferees indicated their belief that there is no hitch in sight.

The Mexicans have despaired of getting a loan from Wall street interests and have decided to turn to the small bankers for their loan.

Mexican Independence Day. Juarez, Mexico, via El Paso, Texas, Sept. 16.—Throughout Mexico the national independence day is being observed today with historical ceremonies. Last night at 11 o'clock the celebration began in this city with the ringing of bells in commemoration of the ringing of the liberty bell by the Priest Hidalgo in the village of Dolores, Guanajuato, in 1810. Close watch was kept on all gatherings by officials of the de facto government, as independence day is a favorite time for demonstrations against the government.

Patriotic addresses were made by the mayor and other officials in the plaza after which fireworks were set off and the people shouted "Viva Mexico, viva Hidalgo."

Today there were more addresses, singing of national airs by the school children and parades. The city was decorated with the national colors.

BILLINGS' TRIAL TAKES REST TODAY

Both Sides Confident—Woman's Testimony Is So Far Most Damaging

San Francisco, Sept. 16.—Monday will bring the climax in the trial of Warren K. Billings, charged with murder in connection with the preparedness parade bomb plot.

Today being a court holiday both sides were preparing for a final clash. Counsel for the defense today expressed confidence of victory.

Attorney McNutt said today he might put only a few of the 100 witnesses he had been ready to produce on the stand, "as there is little evidence we will have to contradict."

"If the state continues to bring witnesses to show Billings was around 721 Market street in the vicinity of 2 o'clock they will establish a good alibi for him," said McNutt. "Relative to witnesses being produced who will say they saw Billings plant the suitcase, we will try to prove that crowd conditions made this all but impossible."

The prosecution, on the other hand, is quite satisfied with the evidence, and is hinting at new surprises on Monday.

Was Seen on the Roof. San Francisco, Sept. 16.—The state today has reached the point in the trial of Warren K. Billings on charge of complicity in the preparedness parade dynamiting that it is producing witnesses in an effort actually to connect Billings with the crime, and District

NEW YORK STRIKE MAY CALL 75,000 FROM ALL TRADES

Leaders Say If This Does Not Lead to Some Kind of Settlement

700,000 WORKERS WILL STRIKE FROM SYMPATHY

20,000 Longshoremen and 25,000 Machinists To Be First to Quit

New York, Sept. 16.—A sympathetic strike which union leaders declare will result in 75,000 workers leaving their jobs in support of the striking employees of the traction companies became effective in New York before noon today.

Several of the unions affected delayed balloting until late today or tomorrow but union leaders declared they were certain to join those already on sympathetic strike.

Twenty thousand longshoremen and boatmen were expected to be the first workers to respond to the strike call. Labor leaders declare that these men will be followed by 25,000 machinists, who will strike before night.

By the end of next week, unless there is a change in the traction strike situation, union men predict thousands of others will be out. They will include men employed in all industries contributing to the production of power for the transportation lines and may spread to include painters, carpenters and similar workmen, it is declared.

Are Fighting Morgan. New York, Sept. 16.—Driving against "the Morgan interests" which they charge are opening a general fight against unionism in the present transit strike, the Central Federated Union of New York today submitted to individual unions, recommendations for a sympathetic strike and for a boycott of subway, elevated and surface cars.

The resolution adopted recommends "as a preliminary to the general strike," that longshoremen, boatmen, teamsters, engineers, firemen and plumbers, whose labor is keeping the traction

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Stocks Climbing Higher With Railroads Rivaling "War Brides" as Favorites

New York, Sept. 16.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today says:

Notwithstanding a heavy volume of trading liquidated in today's brief session, the movement of prices in the best part of two hours of trading was in the direction of higher levels, reactions as a rule being small and in no way suggesting a movement on the part of substantial holders to turn over their accounts in the expectation of the development of sustained cheaper quotations.

To a great extent speculative interest centered upon the railroad shares, many of which were brought in volume, especially Union Pacific, St. Paul, Reading, New York Central and Erie.

Union Pacific sold at a new high record for the year, the movement accompanying reports of buying by large operators who believed the time ripe for a wider operation not only in this particular issue but in all departments of the railroad list.

In certain parts of the market evidence of bear pressure was presented, as for instance in some of the coppers and war shares which had been strong features in preceding days of the week, while there was heavy selling also in United States Steel, the demand for which, however, not only prevented any important reaction from its early record but subsequently carried it to a new high at \$108. Creditable was strong also. Among the motors Maxwell was the feature, while in specialties Western Union distinguished itself by moving to a price better than any ever before reported, above 101.

Railroad Stocks Boom. New York, Sept. 16.—Railroad shares replaced steel stocks and "war brides" as leaders in the market boom when the stock exchange opened today. The strength in rails which came suddenly at the close of yesterday's trading was continued with gains ranging up 1 1/2 in Great Northern preferred.

Erie advanced 1-2, Canadian Pacific 7-8, Lehigh Valley 1-2, Southern Pacific and Reading 3-8, Union Pacific 1 and New York Central and St. Paul 1-2.

The initial advances were soon increased when a wave of railroad buying struck the market. Union Pacific shot to a new high at 137 3/4, up 1-4.

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PRESIDENT'S SISTER MRS. HOWE, DEAD

He Cancels Engagements and Will Accompany Body to Columbia, S. C.

By Robert J. Bender,
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 16.—President Wilson today cancelled his engagement to address the National Life Insurance Underwriters at St. Louis, September 20, following receipt of news of the death of his sister, Mrs. Annie Howe, at New London. His engagements for Monday and Tuesday of next week were also cancelled. The president asked Secretary of War Baker to speak for him at St. Louis.

The engagement for the president to speak at Baltimore on September 24 still stands.

The President and Mrs. Wilson will probably meet Miss Margaret Wilson, Joseph Wilson, the president's brother, and other members of the family who will leave for New London with the body of Mrs. Howe at Trenton, N. J. From there they will accompany the body to Columbia, S. C., where Mrs. Howe will be buried beside the body of her husband.

End Came This Morning. New London, Conn., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Annie E. Howe, only sister of President Wilson, died here at 6:40 a. m. today. She was 60 years old last Friday.

Joseph Wilson, brother of the president, and Mrs. Howe's sons, Wilson and George, her daughter, Mrs. Cothran and Miss Margaret Wilson were at the bedside when the end came. Mrs. Howe died peacefully.

President Wilson was immediately notified. Information here soon after Mrs. Howe's death was that the president will not come to New London. The body will be sent to South Carolina for burial, however, and the president and Mrs. Wilson will accompany the funeral party.

Since the president was here early this week, Mrs. Howe has been constantly under the influence of opiates. She had few lucid intervals. Death was due to peritonitis and attendant complications. During the last few days a Christian Science woman practitioner was with Mrs. Howe often, but is understood to have stated that she is friend and not professionally.

Mrs. Howe was born in Virginia and like her brother, was educated there. She has two sons, Wilson Howe, of Princeton, a suburb of Swarthmore, Pa., connected with the Pennsylvania railroad, and Dr. George Howe, a professor at the University of North Carolina, and a daughter, Mrs. Perin Cothran, of Raleigh, N. C.

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County Will Pay in Nine High Schools

The county will pay the tuition of non-resident students in nine high schools of the county this year.

This statement was made by County Superintendent of Schools Smith this morning, and will set at rest a good many minds which, owing to various discussions and numerous rumors, have not been fully satisfied on the question.

The high schools in which the tuition of non-resident pupils will be paid by the county are Salem, Woodburn, Silverton, Aurora, Hubbard, Turner, Jefferson, Stayton and Scotta Mills.

BETTING ON ELECTION

New York, Sept. 16.—More activity in presidential betting is reported in Wall street today.

The largest bet was recorded today when a stock exchange firm placed a wager of \$10,000 against \$5,000 that Hughes will be elected.

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BRITISH EMBARGO ARROUSES MUCH BITTER FEELING

Assumes Right to Control Trade Between Neutral Countries

PRESIDENT IS URGED TO USE POWERS GIVEN HIM

England Forbids Importation of 100 Articles by Scandinavians

Washington, Sept. 16.—The British blockade has again become a matter of first diplomatic importance in the United States state department.

New orders by the British government which, so far as considered here, are viewed as encroachments on the rights of neutrals, threaten to fan into a live issue the smouldering dissatisfaction this country has felt over the whole blockade question. One effect of the new orders, it is agreed, will be a more insistent demand that this government make use of the retaliatory powers voted by the recent congress.

The action of Great Britain in placing an importation embargo until October 1, on more than 100 new articles to the Scandinavian countries and the Netherlands from all countries, including the United States, is arousing most resentment. Even holders of unexpired licenses to export the articles listed in the new embargo have been directed to communicate with the war trade department if the British foreign office before making further shipments.

The allies claim the countries embargoed already have received a supply of the excluded articles exceeding the normal domestic demand.

Since congress empowered the president with retaliatory powers through the shipping and revenue bills, the pressure upon the state department to back up its contentions made to the allies in its notes on the blockade, the news and the blacklist has greatly increased.

Exporters and importers whose business has been damaged both with South America and Europe in the trade restrictions of the allies have become more impatient for action than ever, now that they see a chance to use similar methods against their alleged oppressors.

The state department is also concerned by the joint action of the allies in protesting to Sweden against her action in distinguishing between commerce and naval submarines, it was learned. This stand is identical with that taken by the department, both when the Deutschland cleared from Baltimore and to a sub-memorandum to the allied embassies.

That the notes to Sweden is a strong one, has created an unfavorable impression among officials here in view of the confident belief in the justice of the American position.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Today fair, winds mostly northeasterly.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT

New York, Sept. 16.—The weekly

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If money talked you couldn't even hear yourself think in a 10-cent store. Nobody kin write as purty a letter as the feller who is "sorry" but can't be with you.